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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

The following matters came up in the course of a telephone conversation today between the DCI and me:

1. It was agreed to accede to Ambassador Taylor's personal request to the DCI concerning a matter of Station personnel in Saigon. (Appropriate action has been taken.)

2. The DCI and I agreed that

[redacted] Agency concurrence with the view that chances are poor for the emergence of any strong government in SVN should be withdrawn because of the fact that a special National Estimate on this subject is being prepared for USIB consideration, and we agreed that USIB would meet at 10:00 a.m. next Tuesday to consider the SNIE. (The DD/I and OCI were informed of our concern [redacted] and the issue was withdrawn for correction. The special USIB meeting for Tuesday has been arranged.)

3. I informed the DCI of my meeting this morning with Generals McConnell and LeMay and told him of my view that it would be useful to set up a series of executive sessions involving the Joint Chiefs and the DCI.

4. The DCI called my attention to the New York Herald Tribune article by Barnard Collier on the latter's interview of Castro. The DCI wants a solid and detailed appraisal of the Collier story as a part of a full-dress review of the Agency's Cuban operations. The DCI pointed out that the Collier interview indicates quite clearly that our operations have been deeply penetrated. (Tom K informed and will take action.)

5. The DCI expressed his continuing concern for the situation and outlook in SVN. He recognizes that policy recommendations are not the Agency's responsibility; nevertheless, he wants to devote some thought to alternate courses of actions including a full spectrum

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of same, ranging from a U. S. withdrawal from SVN to full-scale military operations. This study of alternative courses should consider possibilities for flexibility in policy approach with alternating periods of tensions and relaxations.

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7. The DCI believes it would be worthwhile to compile a list of statements made by world figures, friendly and unfriendly, on "The Invisible Government." This should include references from national press media such as Pravda, NCNA, etc. Such a study should constitute a form of damage assessment. (Kuk says we have a complete book on this.)

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